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#### ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 9, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

## **EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL BRIEF**

Appeal Brief was filed in this application on October 13, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Appeal Brief.

## **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application be returned to the Examiner:

- 1) consider the Appeal Brief filed October 13, 2009, as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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